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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 11, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected each of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ahmad et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,405,791) as previously applied and further in view of Gardner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,994,175).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. All of the rejections depend upon a combination with Gardner et al. However, Gardner et al. does not constitute prior to the present application.

The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/871,210, filed June 9, 1997. *See* enclosed Official Filing Receipt. Gardner et al., in contrast, was filed on September 5, 1997, after the filing date of the parent application.

In view of the fact that Gardner et al. is not prior art to the present application, Applicant submits that the rejections are improper.